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ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: 040894-7382

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Futoshi KAMEDA	)	Confirmation No.: 5113
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Application No.: 10/566,583	)	Group Art Unit: 3721
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Filed: January 31, 2006	)	Examiner: Candace E. Brakewood
	)	
For: STAPLER HAVING A STAPLE SUPPORT SURFACE ON A PUSHER (as amended)		

Commissioner for Patents  
Customer Window, **Mail Stop Amendment**  
Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION**

In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2006 in the above-identified application, the substitute specification submitted herewith is presented in order to correct the errors pointed out in the Office Action.

No prohibited new matter has been added by way of this substitute specification. Entry and consideration of the substitute specification is respectfully requested.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This

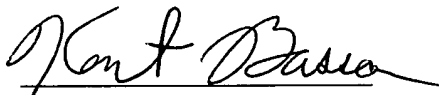
paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

If the Examiner has any further questions relating to this Reply or to the application in  
general, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone so that allowance of  
the present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT DRAWINGS**

Applicant respectfully submits herewith a Submission of Replacement Drawings including two (2) sheets of drawing containing Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 3A, 3B, and 3C to be substituted for the previously filed drawing sheets in the above-identified application. Applicant has amended Fig. 1B to change reference numeral 2a to 12a and to delete an extraneous reference numeral 13b. Applicant has amended Fig. 1C to delete an extraneous reference numeral 13b. Applicant has amended Figs. 3A, 3B, and 3C to add the legend "Prior Art." Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the replacement drawing.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this drawing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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